available sports infrastructure at various places of the States including Sports Complexes in eastern Uttar Pradesh. However, till 31.3.2005, this Ministry was supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in creation of sports infrastructure by providing Central assistance in accordance with the approved pattern subject to the receipt of viable proposals from the States including Uttar Pradesh. This Centrally Sponsored Scheme has been transferred to the State sector w.e.f. 1.4.2005. All States were informed in this regard in February, 2005.

Postponement of Assam Games

3278. SHRI URKHAO GWRA BRAHMA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the National Games to be held in Assam has been postponed from the scheduled date;

(b) if so, the reasons for that postponement and by when the new date for the said game is likely to be rescheduled; and

(c) if so, the progress achieved by the State Government for the National Games, so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As informed by the State Government, the Games have been postponed due to non-completion of infrastructure including Games Village; the delay in completion of these projects is stated to be unprecedented floods in Guwahati during 2004 and due to various court cases with regard to Games Village. The fresh dates for the Games will be fixed by Indian Olympic Association in consultation with Assam Olympic Association and the State Government of Assam.

(c) The State Government of Assam has informed that 68% work in respect of sports infrastructure has been completed and the State Government is expecting to take over these by 31.10.2005. Similarly the State Government is expecting to take over the Games Village by December, 2005. Other ancillary works are also expected to be completed by the end of December 2005.